

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY BONN  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 3988

E.O. 11652: GDS: TAGS: PFOR, SNAR, AF  
SUBJ: OPIUM CULTIVATION IN AFGHANISTAN/AFGHAN-SOVIET RELATIONS

REF: BONN 09394

1. WE BELIEVE REMARKS BY DR. HUEBNER OF FRG FOREIGN  
OFFICE, AS REPORTED REFTEL, TO BE ERRONEOUS AND MISLEADING.  
AFTER VERIFYING OUR OWN PERCEPTIONS WITH THE FRG EMBASSY  
HERE, BELIEVE RECORD SHOULD BE SET STRAIGHT.

2. NEITHER WE NOR THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN KABUL SEE SIGNS  
OF "INCRESSING SOVIET INFLUENCE" OVER THE GOVERNMENT  
OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA). IN FACT, THE GOA IS CONTINUEING  
ITS POLICIES OF ENCOURAGING GREATER WESTERN PRESENCE  
HERE, THEREBY LESSENING ITS DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIETS.  
THESE POLICIES HAVE INCLUDING SPECIFIC APPROACHES TO THE  
FRT TO INCREASE ITS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AS  
WELL AS ITS COMMERCIAL INVOLVEMENT IN AFGHANISTAN. IT  
GOES WITHOUT SAYING, OF COURSE, THAT IMPLEMENTWWION  
OF THESE POLICIES MUST BE GRADUAL -- NEITHER THE AFGHANS  
NOR THE WESTERN COUNTRIES WOULD PROFIT FROM  
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PRECIPITOUS ACTION WHICH WOULD ALARM OR PROVOKE THE  
SOVIETS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN THE CASE  
OF THE FRG.

3. THE GERMAN EMBASSY, MOREOVER, REPORTS NO  
DIFFICULTY IN SEEING, OR CONDUCTING BUSINESS, WITH,  
GOA OFFICIALS. THE RECENT VISIT IN MAY OF AGVLARGE

FRG ECONOMIC DELEGATION ALSO WENT WELL AND RESULTED  
IN INCREASED FRG COMMITMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENTAL AID,  
BOTH CAPITAL ASSISTANCE (I.E. SOFT LOANS) AND TECHNICAL  
COOPERATION (GRANT-FUNDED PROJECTS).

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